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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, GR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: COMMISSION RATES PAID BY AIRLINES TO
TRAVEL AGENTS

1. LOCAL PANAM OFFICE, HAVING ANNOUNCED DECISION TO INCREASE COMMISSIONS PAID TRAVEL AGENTS FROM SEVEN PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT, HAS ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE FROM HELLENIC CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES (HCAA). ON APRIL 12 HCAA SENT CIRCULAR NOTICE TO FOREIGN AIRLINES OPERATING IN GREECE REFERRING TO STANDING REGULATIONS (UNDEFINED)

AND STATING THAT NO CHANGES WOULD BE APPLICABLE WITHOUT HCAA APPROVAL. ON APRIL 30 HCAA SENT LETTER TO OLYMPIC STATING THAT IATA DECISION NO. 0200B RESPECTING COMMISSION RATES, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, WILL BE APPLICABLE IN GREECE.

2. PANAM REPRESENTATIVE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY SUPPORT OF ITS DECISION. SPECIFICALLY PANAM REP STATES THAT NO LEGAL BASIS EXISTS EITHER IN IATA, GOG-US BILATERAL CIV AIR AGREEMENT, OR GREEK LAW, FOR
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ABOVE ACTIONS BY HCAA. CURSORY RESEARCH AND INQUIRY AT EMBASSY DO NOT REVEAL EVIDENCE CONTRARY TO PANAM'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL AND GREEK LAW. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON RESULT OF RECENT IATA MEETINGS.

3. TWA, WHICH UNLIKE PANAM, ENJOYS TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN GREECE, HAS TAKEN STAND OF NOT CHALLENGING HCAA'S POSITION.

4. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUIRES GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AS TO U.S. POLICY ON THIS MATTER AND WHAT ACTION BY THE EMBASSY MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFOR COPIES OF SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES RELATING TO COMMISSION RATE PROBLEM IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
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